

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-23, 26, 27, 29 and 30 are the only claims pending.

Claims 2, 18-20 and 29 are currently amended.

No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-5, 7-23, 26, 27, 29 and 30 are presented for reconsideration.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102(a)

Claims 29 is rejected under 35 USC 102 (a) as being anticipated by Heidenfelder et al. (US 6,488,915).

US 6,488,915 discloses several UV-absorber-dispersion compositions comprising certain hydroxybenzophenones. Claim 29 is currently amended to address the anticipatory rejection.

Currently, there is a clear line of demarcation between the amended claim 29 and US 6,488,915.

The present 35 USC 102(a) rejection is addressed and is overcome.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112 Second Paragraph

Claims 2, 18, 19 and 20 recite the limitation “R1 and R2 are selected from hydrogen” in the definition of formula (I). However Formula (I) in claim 1 does not allow for a hydrogen atom on R1 or R2. Claims 2, 18, 19 and 20 are amended accordingly,

In claim 2, when n1 is 1, R3 is not limited to a heterocyclic radical as it is in claim 1. Claim 2 is amended accordingly.

The present 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejections are addressed and overcome.

Claim Objections – Formal Reasons

Claim 29 is objected to because of the following informalities: the line starting "n1 is" is missing the number; it should read "if n1 is 3.". Claim 29 is amended accordingly.

The present claim objections are addressed and overcome.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-5, 7-17 and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. All of these claims depend from claim 1 and claim 1 was previously allowed; therefore, these claims should also be allowed.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present objections and rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

Allowable Claims

Claims 1, 22, 23, 26, 27 and 30 were allowed in the previous office action.

Respectfully submitted,



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